

1850



Old Dartmouth



Historical Society



30ms  
He  
William Henry

Mr Charles C. Harris  
of Dartmouth  
Massachusetts  
Mr Charles C. Leach  
of London  
ENG.



Cwt

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EWG



the  
William Henry

A Journal of a  
Passage from  
Boston towards  
California  
Kept by  
Charles Harris  
January. 1850.



Passengers In The  
Miner  
Capt Silvanus Luce  
Mr James Arnold  
Thomas Arnold  
Albert G Arnold  
Henry Smith

Mr Taggart No 6. Carpent  
Block Lowell



Crew Of The Sarge Sinus  
Bound To California

Nathan. P. Smith. Master

James & Munroe 1<sup>st</sup> Mate

Charles & Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate

Charles. C. Harris, Seaman

John Bond Do

John Phepoe Do

Charles, G. Leach Do

Moses Davis Do

Ezra, H. Alden Do

John Nicholson ord Do

Johnathan, J. Taggett Do

John Owen Steward

William Cridfield Cook

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1850

Wm



Mr Moses Davis  
Miss Martha Russell

Both of Lemington  
Chales State of Maine  
Clara Anna.



Sailed from Boston Wednesday  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1849 bound for  
San Francisco California In the  
Bark Sirius Capt Smith  
with a cargo of bricks and  
lumber and hope that God  
will protect us on this adventure  
this is the beginning of a hard  
passage In an old bark leaking  
before we left the wharf I truly  
believe at the time I agreed  
In the said bark I would have  
gone to California upon a  
raft If any person would have  
gone with me to make sure  
of the chance I went on board  
one month before leaving Boston  
and had disagreeable times  
we had working to ends

Clara A. Parson  
Charles C. Harris



Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> 1849

We have a fine breeze from  
the N. E. all hands well

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours strong winds  
from S. S. E. leaking badly  
all hands in low spirits at  
the present time

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Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>

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this day light winds from  
N. E. with a heavy sea  
running

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

C. A. Paine  
barr'd up



These 24 hours strong winds  
from N. E. accompanied  
with rain at this time the  
old bark is taking badly  
we are all in low spirits It  
is now 4 P. M. and I must  
go on deck.

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours light breeze  
from E heading to the south  
and we are all in very good  
spirits but Benjamin he is  
unwell but I hope he will  
soon recover and be up  
again

Lat. 79-00

Long. 35-00

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Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

This day strong breeze  
from the S. E. This  
morning Benjamin and  
the mate had some words  
but it ended in nothing  
my dear

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

There 24 hours light winds  
from S. E. huddling steering  
S, S. E. with all sail set to  
advantage This is 11 day of  
rest we are all in good health  
Thanks be to God

Lat 07-00

Long 32-00



Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours light winds  
from the N.E. with  
plenty of rain we have  
fitted & made as we call  
it which makes the pumping  
easier all hands Is well &  
soon Sat 4-00

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

This day strong winds  
from the S.E. with  
squalls of rain all hands  
engaged good health the  
old barque making badly

Lat 03° 20' South  
Long 31° 00' West



Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

This day squalls from  
the S. E. heading S. S. W.  
with all sail set this day  
saw the Island of St. Paul

Lat <sup>Chart</sup> 00 = 33  
Long 31 = 19

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

There 24 hours light breeze  
from the S. S. E. heading  
S. W. at two P. M. saw  
the Island of Fernando De  
Noronha at the time we  
saw the Island strong.

Breeze from the South  
Lat 03 = 50  
Long 32 = 00



Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours the wind  
from the eastward heaving  
J. W. by J. the captain  
is in every good health  
But the bad journey he  
seems as if he could not  
get work enough out of us  
so he has stopped the watch  
so end

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours strong breeze  
from the E. S. E. heaving  
J. W. with all sail set all hands  
employed in picking up the  
all hands on deck I hope  
that we shall a good wind all  
the way to Callipara at this  
time the old barque is making  
badly to make the matter



worse, I think that it was  
an unlucky day when I  
shipped in the old bark making  
towards St Catherine

Lat 16-04  
Sunday 16

These 24 hours strong breezes  
from the S. E. with all sail  
set to advantage here we  
are all in good spirits  
but Bengamann he wants to  
see Miss report very much  
it being Sunday so ends

Friday 21

This day strong winds from  
the S. E. hounding it with  
all sail set we are all in  
good spirits still the old bark  
looks very bad we are now  
steering for St Catherine



We endeavored to reach Rio  
but a gale of wind prevented  
us Benjamin is in very  
poor health for the present but  
I hope that he will be better  
soon so ends with all sail  
set we are all in great expecta-  
tion of seeing California.

Sunday 23

These 24 hours light breeze  
from the N. E. heading in  
for the land ten P M let go  
anchor abreast of Santa Cruz  
and are all very comfortable  
tomorrow we shall try to stop the  
hook if possible

Sunday 30

This day we are all very  
comfortable we have had a very  
hard very wet work of it



But thanks be to God we  
have stoped the leak In some  
measure are all ready for sea  
or very near there Is but a very  
little fruit In St Katherine's at  
this time of the year we

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January

This day bore short and  
made sail, hove up the anchor  
and saild for Cape Horn  
once more leaving several  
ships in the harbor we had  
A fine breeze out Thanks be to  
the Lord our preserver this  
Is the beginning of a new  
year and I hope It will  
be a new and lucky one  
to us.



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
 1791

These 24 hours strong winds  
 from the Northward steering  
 us by W with all sail set  
 we go towards Cape Horn  
 wind aft the old barge is  
 quite tight thank the Lord

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours we have been  
 very uncomfortable at six AM  
 the main topsail yard went  
 in the slings we have it  
 fine job for two or three days  
 at the least so much for going  
 in an old barge which no  
 one will ever catch me in again  
 the worst of it is the wind is  
 ahead with a very heavy sea  
 running so ends of the river La  
 Plata we are all very tired being  
 up all night  
 Lat 35 South



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours strong breeze  
from the South all hands employ  
In fitting it new topsail yard  
at 4 P. M. crest the yard  
middle part the wind aft he  
we go again for California  
with a fine wind and weather  
and a nice little light breeze  
we have a long way to <sup>go</sup> Cape  
Horn yet Lat 35-05

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

This day strong breeze from  
the S. S. W. heading  
S. E. by S under double  
reef topsails with the wind  
ahead this wind is unlucky  
for us to get to Cape Horn  
To end

Lat 39, 23  
Charles C. Harris  
Oliver A. Smith



He  
William Henry

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 1850

This 24 hours, fine breeze  
from the W by S heading,  
S. W. by S here we go again  
for Cape Horn so ends this  
day looking squally and expect-  
ing some rain Lat 40-19

Thursday 10

These 24 hours strong winds  
from the W by S heading S  
by W with heavy sea running  
latter part more moderate  
and the old bark looks badly  
and looks the same Lat 42-00  
South

Friday 11

These 24 hours strong breeze from  
the W. N. W. heading S W by  
S under double reef topsails and  
so there is a very heavy sea on the  
old bark looks badly It is beginning to grow  
cold Lat 43-35



Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

This 24 hours wind from  
the S by W under close reef topsail  
heaving W this is a bad wind for  
the Cape Horn so end this day

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours strong and cold  
winds from the S, S, W, heaving  
W by S under reef topsail with  
a very heavy sea running at this  
time. Lat 45 = 00 = 00

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

This day strong breeze from the W  
S, W, heaving S by W we are  
gaining slowly towards Cape Horn  
and I hope that it won't be long  
before we lose it for this time

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

This day strong wind from the  
S, W, heaving S E, by S latter  
part light, light wind from the  
S, W with all sail set steering  
towards the Cape and all hands will  
all thanks to the Lord our Father



He  
William Henry

Tuesday 22<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours strong breeze from the  
N W heading south with all sail  
set all hands in good health and spirits  
thank god we are starting for Cape Horn  
once more and I hope the wind will  
stand I being very busy all along.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>



This day the wind from the S S  
W heading S E with it very fine  
day. Stallen Land made the  
land at 10 P M. This is very  
unlucky for us Lat 54-00-

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

This day strong winds from the W S  
W heading South under Double reef  
topsails this morning saw the Land or Cape  
horn we hope seen that much desired  
place after all very cold at this time  
with snow on the land so cold  
the old Barge looking bad Lat 55-20



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1830

These 24 hours light winds from the W here we are with the wind ahead accompanied with rain and very cold

Lat 52-00-00

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

This day strong winds from the N W with very heavy squalls of rain and hail at this time the old barge leaks very bad so much so that the Larboard water could not free her middle part and all hands which took us a long time to free her, and had it very disagreeable night of it and it was hard time of it around the Cape with head winds nearly all of the time I can assure any one that sees this, In the first place The old Barge leaks badly In the second place the decks is lumbered up with Boats and Lumber and gaskets so that it makes hard work The ship Moses Davis has had a very bad hand which has brought her short landed here we go down the coast of Patagonia

Lat 52, 20-00



Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

This day strong winds from the  
S. W. heading N. W. with all  
sail set here we go towards  
the line leaving Cape Horn far  
behind us we are running down  
the coast of Patagonia

Lat 47-00-0

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours strong winds from  
the S. E. running along with  
sailing sails on both sides below and  
above running down the coast of  
Chile steering towards the line  
heading N. W.

Lat 37-42-0

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

This day light wind from the S. E.  
steering N. W. under all sail we  
was expecting to make the Island of  
Magafuro but did this day spoke the  
ship Sharon of Fair Haven with 600  
Barrels of Spices Chile and Potatoes  
Charles P. Harris  
Fair Haven



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours light winds from the S. E. steering all around the compass middle part calms. There is a very great difference between this and Cape Horn at this at this time we are employed in stowing the Old mans blocks there is plenty of work on board of this old Barge and will be until we arrive in California she looks almost as bad in this light weather as in bad and rough sea Lat 10-03

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

These first part of these 24 hours light winds from the S. E. steering all with all sail set with fine warm weather. we go towards California the old man sent to bottle Brandy to keep up our spirits. Latter part strong breeze from the S. E. by S Lat 27-00



Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

These 24 first part strong winds  
from the E. S. E. steering of  
W. N. W. with all sail set to an  
advantage I hope we shall soon  
arrive in California for there is  
no end to the work we have  
in this old barge we are shifting  
the Deck load from one part  
to another. all hands employed  
in different jobs. Lat 25-10  
five trades we have  
here we go, go ahead Sirius

Chas. B. Paine  
Charles E. Harris

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

This day light breeze from the E.  
steering of W. N. W. running down  
the S. E. Trades hoping to arrive  
in California some time or the  
other. Thank God we are in sight  
of the tracks once more. Lat 22-07  
very much more load. Lat 5-25

in the old times



Thursday 28 Feb<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>

First part of these 24 hours  
light breeze from the S E  
steering S, W, 1/2 W with all  
sail set middle and latter part  
strong winds from the E here we  
go for the line I hope that we  
shall soon be to the end of this  
passage

Charles & Leach L Sat 20-40  
Charles & Harris L South  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1834

These 24 hours being Nautical  
time commences with moderate  
winds and fair weather rate of Ship  
5 Per hour course S W 1/2 W  
Wind S E Fire men strongly  
employed all thinking about  
their lovely girls and their  
girls companions at home  
and we are all home sick and  
Love sick So end the latter part  
strong winds going towards the line  
Leaving the wind on the quarter Sat 18-50 E



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

These 24 hours fast part light  
winds from the E. S. E. steering  
N. by W. by W. by W. midnight to 11  
strong breeze attended with rain  
Lat 16-17

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

These 24 hours fine strong  
winds from the E. by S. steering  
N. by W. by W. with all sails drawing.  
the old bark goes along very well  
still looks bad worse if any thing  
It is a long way to California yet  
there is plenty of fish around  
Lat 18-53

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours light winds  
from the North heading N. by W.  
the Frigate has left us but still we  
are making slow progress towards  
the line with some rain still  
shifting the Leek load Lat 5-25



Saturday 9

All these 24 hours light  
winds from the S E steering  
N by W with all sail set  
there is plenty of rain we  
have squarer line weather  
going slowly towards the  
band of clouds the old bark takes  
the same so ends Lat

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Long

These 24 hours fine breezes  
from the S by E steering  
N. N. W. sailing towards  
the gallapagos Islands we  
have very good luck considering  
everything South Latitude

Lat 20 = 22

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

This last 24 hours light winds  
from the South with some rain  
here we are once more to  
the North of the line thank God Lat 21 = 23



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

These 24 hours light winds  
from the E by S with all sail  
set here we go for California  
the gold diggers the weather is  
very warm at the present time  
all hands in very good spirits  
Lat 2-47

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours squally with  
rain the wind from the  
westward steering N by W I  
hope we shall soon get the trade  
wind still on board of the  
Old Minus } Lat 04-55  
                  } North

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours light winds from  
the Southward It is very warm  
at this time all hands very  
well at this time



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March  
These 24 fine breezes from  
the S. E. steering N. W. W.  
here we go for California  
we are all in very good spirits  
we have taken the Trade winds  
once more

150 days from ~~Long 95° E~~ Lat 07° 06'  
Boston ~~from~~ ~~Long 95° E~~  
A long time ~~the~~ ~~sd~~

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March  
This day light winds from the  
S. E. steering N. W. W.  
It is very warm this day here  
we go towards the land of gold

Charles & C. Harris } North  
Lat 09° 36'  
Chas & R. Parne } Long Charles  
this day the end of the

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 1850  
These 24 hours strong breezes  
from the S. E. steering N. W.  
with all sail set to the breeze  
bringing this passage to a close very  
fast Long 106° W Lat 12° 28' North



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

these 24 hours light winds  
from the N N E heading  
N N W with all sail set I  
hope that we shall soon arrive  
In California here we are  
five months out from Boston

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

this last week we have  
gone very slow towards our  
desired port with the wind  
from N W with very little  
of it, most of the fore cabin  
It is very unlucky for us  
that we did not keep further  
to the westward than what  
we did get making no progress  
whatever

Benjamin is well Lat 14° 02'  
but George is unwell still  
resting with great anxiety



Monday<sup>8</sup> of April  
This last week we have  
gone very slow with no winds  
and what we have has been  
from the N<sup>W</sup> with a strong  
current ahead. It has been  
enough to discourage all of us on  
board of the old Minus our  
bark takes about the same E. C. H.  
It is almost time that we arrived  
in California but still it will  
take us some time yet I think  
we are out of almost every thing  
which is one reason that we  
should arrive there soon. This  
day Monday we have a fine  
light breeze from the N<sup>E</sup>  
sailing of W with all sail  
set. This is the first time that  
we have headed our course for  
some time. Lat 13-54 North  
All hands employed Long 107 West



Joins  
He  
William Henry

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 1850

These last 24 hours strong  
breezes from the N N E  
with all sail set steering N W  
gaining slowly towards California  
The last week we have gone  
slowly still we are so long away yet  
Charles & Harris's

Lat 17-31

Long 105-19 West

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

This last few days strong breezes  
from the N by E under whole  
topsails heading N W by N  
I wish the wind was fair but  
we must take things as they come  
this morning four bells saw a  
Brig expect it is one that we saw  
in St Catherine our old bark looks  
rather worse than she has before if the  
wind was fair it would not take us  
long to end this passage Lat 23-41 N Long 123-04 West



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

These 24 hours strong breezes  
from the S. N. E.,  
heading N. W. & N. E.,  
this is going away from  
our port of destination I  
hope that we shant be out  
long from San Francisco I  
should like to hear from home  
if I could I should be ex  
tremely happy

Lat 25-05  
Long 124

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

Last 24 hours light breezes  
from the N by W with all  
sail set Tuesday spoke the  
schr. Alexander of New York  
B. Tilapia Thursday spoke  
the Brigg Abbot of New York  
No 32, schr. waves, 1830 from New York  
Lat 29, 14<sup>th</sup> Long 128



Joins  
He  
William Henry

Monday 29 April

These 24 hours night.

Breases from the North

later that more wind from  
the N W, heading at N E

with all sail set going slowly

towards California here we are

six hundred miles from

that place and can't get there

Long 125 Lat 29-30

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 1850

these 24 hours squally weather

Heading at N E This is hard

to have to stop on board of

this old bark with her leaking

and with the humbugging

work as it has been all the

passage, I hope that I shall

be spared to sail in another

vessel before I die I have not

not very near one year Lat 30-35



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

These 24 hours light winds  
from the North, heading N E  
with all sail set. Latter part  
wind from the W N W  
steaming N by W with stur-  
ding sails set here we go on  
more towards California. It  
is most time that we got  
there being 190 Days from  
Boston Charles C Harris  
Long 121° 50' Lat 30° 55'

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

These 24 hours strong breezes  
from the N. W heading  
N N E with all sail set  
yesterday, we thought that we  
was going to have fair wind  
which lasted for 40 minutes  
making short work.  
Long 121° 51' Lat 31° 45'



30th  
He  
William Henry

~~Sunday~~ <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~15<sup>th</sup>~~ <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> of May

These 24 hours strong  
winds from the N. W.  
at 12 M. Say the land  
of California is but the  
wind is still ahead I don't  
know that we shall make  
the land of San Francisco North  
Long 121-30<sup>th</sup> Lat 35-46<sup>th</sup>  
~~Sunday~~ <sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup>

These 24 hours much the  
same as the last but it  
is blowing stronger and  
making slower headway that  
is all, all ~~the~~ has made this  
last 24 hours has been 27  
miles to the northward slow  
~~work~~ Long 120 Lat 34-13



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

This day strong breezes from  
the N. W. under double reef  
topsails and reef coarses latter  
part light winds from the  
N. W. heading W. S. W.

latter part made sail again  
to Charles & Harris

of Portsmouth

Lat 34.01

Long 123.00

Clara & A. Paine

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

This day we have gained very  
slowly towards San Francisco  
heading West by South the  
wind from the North West  
by North under double reef  
topsails with a heavy sea

on and the Old Bark  
leaks as bad as ever Lat 33.31  
Long 123.00



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of May

This day strong winds from  
the S.W. heading S.E.  
with a single reef topsails  
we are all very low spirits  
at this time I think these  
winds will ever shift Lat 34-28  
Long 120-45

Friday 10

These 24 hours strong winds  
from the S.W. Quarter that is  
N.W. by W. backing along off  
the land gaining slowly towards  
under double reef topsail It  
is hard to be so near the  
place and can't arrive there  
we have been stirring hard  
to get there we are now very near  
the land so ends pumping nearly  
all of the time. Lat 35-33 Long 120-42



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours. The very  
winds from the N<sup>W</sup>  
winds very strong stirring  
or heading N<sup>W</sup> & under  
Close reef topsail Long 124 Lat 35-25

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1805  
John Richardson

These 24 hours strong winds  
from the N<sup>W</sup> by heading  
at N<sup>W</sup> under single reef  
topsails This is one of the  
worst passages that ever  
I have experienced In  
the whole of my life  
It don't seem that we shall  
ever arrive in San Francisco 37-05



He  
William Henry

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Of May

These 24 hours strong winds  
from the N by W heading  
W S W with all sail set  
here we go with the fine breeze  
If it was fair but never mind  
always the old time head  
winds To end taking off  
and on the land Lat 26  
Long 122 30  
Ship's Pilot Lane

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours strong winds  
from the N by W heading  
In for the port of San Francisco  
Thank God that long look for  
place is in sight latter part  
took the pilot and went



In let go our anchor  
we are 208 days from  
Boston and the month  
that we was on board  
makes 238 days almost  
one year gone. Sat Jan 5  
and nothing gained  
and our cloths <sup>all</sup> wore out  
the Harbor full of Long  
Ships

Homeward Bound  
Sailed from San Francisco  
January 14<sup>th</sup> bound to  
Taleahanna for t Cargo  
and from there home  
In the ship Hm's  
Henry of Fairhaven.



I am with the new crew  
of ship mates not one  
of the old ones <sup>with</sup> me here  
but myself so I can't  
talk much about old  
times that we used to have  
on the passage out.

February 18<sup>th</sup> 185<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours strong  
breeze from the N by W  
with all sail set, starting  
at 6 by 6 it never have  
seen so much fair wind  
in all of my sailing around  
this coast. The wind  
holds we shant be long



In going down to  
Tatekahanna we have  
had fair wind all the  
time since we left the  
Galena Gates so much  
shaping Tacks here I am  
In H. with Disagreeable  
Thk } Lat 24=0  
Kant

February 27<sup>th</sup> 1851  
Since I wrote the last  
time we have had some  
heavy weather from the  
Northeast hadn't been for  
them we should have been  
now In Tatekahanna.



At this time I do not  
feel very happy I seem  
to be very anxious to arrive  
at home I dont think that  
I ever was so unhappy  
in all of my life time  
I dont much think I shall  
go home in this ship I  
feel ashamed to there to some  
thing which hangs very heavy  
upon my mind I there  
wasnt two or three persons  
I dont that I should ever  
wishes to go home again  
but I will take things  
as they

Lat 32-36  
South  
here are 40  
for the port of Taldahan  
to Charles & Harus  
I am very sorry that I  
24th I am  
29th I am very sorry for this week  
a short



Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1831  
These 24 hours light winds  
from the Westward  
steering E by S with all  
but that these few days  
back we have had very  
good winds mostly aft.  
There is the ship for sight  
the first we have seen  
of near since we left  
the golden gates as they  
call them so here we  
go towards the port of  
our destination I don't know  
as I shall go home in this  
ship or not I am very  
low spirits since we left  
Manzanera, The Charles & Harris  
Eliza & Lane



1837  
Sunday 9 March

These last few days  
fine fair winds from the  
N. by E. breeze  
standing for the Cape as  
we suppose I should like  
to be in this harbor this  
day so much. Bored in

Tuesday 11 March

This day strong breezes  
from the E. S. E. head-  
ing I & G. A. under double  
reef topsails the passage  
I going to be longer than  
we anticipated at first



March 17<sup>th</sup>

This day we arrived  
in Satekaharra

~~at the same place~~

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Told from this report  
glad enough I was to  
leave it I had a very  
bad accident by falling  
down the ladder while  
~~at the same place~~

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Thous 24 hours light  
winds from the South  
going very slow toward  
Cape Horn Lat 38<sup>th</sup>  
Chas. A. Par.



April 4<sup>th</sup> 1851

These last few days  
we have had strong  
winds from the south  
and layings to under  
close reef topsails latter  
part of this day more  
moderate moderate  
made more sail South  
Lat 40=00

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

This day light arrived from  
the S. E. with all sail set  
heading S. E. It is beginning  
to get rather cold. A. M.  
thinkings are short have  
so pleasant. At time round  
the cape, as I find in the old skins



so ends this day all  
hand well at the present  
time going very slow  
towards Cape Horn &  
Charles & Thos 40-30  
Charles & Leach Long 80 43

Monday 15 April

These last few days,  
we have had the wind  
from the Southward  
and westward  
shifting eastward  
towards Cape Horn  
at this time the  
weather is very cold  
East under these  
Breef Topsails we  
are going towards  
Cape Horn Charles  
Eliza



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 1851

these 24 hours strong,  
Breases from the W  
at W with all sail at  
standing, E. by E. in  
A fine fair wind

Elizabeth P<sup>er</sup> Lat 59-00  
Long Cape Horn

Sunday 20 April

these 24 hours strong  
wind from the W  
W under double reef  
top sails, standing, at W  
E having Cape Horn  
with a heavy sea running  
now. I have got on this  
side of the land I wish  
I was on the other side  
again. Lat 55-20 Long 127-00



April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1851

This day fine wind  
from the S. S. W.  
with, all sail set  
steering e. s. e. this  
day squalls of hail and  
snow we are in hopes  
of soon getting into  
fine weather again  
we have had a very  
fine time in getting  
round the horn consid-  
ering the time of the  
year we are now  
three months and  
eight days we are  
in hopes of being six  
months in arriving  
at that fine place  
but I don't think we shall  
be so long as that we ends  
this day Lat 53° 0' Long 61°



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

These 24 hours strong  
winds from the south  
and steering away  
towards home sometimes  
going fast at other  
times slow this day  
we are going rather  
slow there is a great  
many squalls of rain  
at 12<sup>00</sup> I found Lat  $40^{\circ} - 00'$   
Long  $124^{\circ} - 00'$  this night

Tuesday 30 April

This day strong winds  
from the S. S. W.  
with main topsail  
and sail out at this  
time we are at this  
close hauld upon  
the close hauled  
Charles C Harris Lat  $41^{\circ} - 30'$



May 2<sup>nd</sup> day 1851

This day strong winds  
from the N by E under  
double reef topsails and  
reef courses steering  
at E by N going very  
fast towards the line  
drawing very fast  
towards home over  
more no ends this  
day E by N at 34-00  
Charles & Thomas Lott  
is

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

24 hours fine  
winds from the S.E.  
by E steering at E by  
N with all sail set  
running off with standing  
sails out we are bound  
towards home Lat 33-10



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

These last days strong  
winds from the S  
with all sail set  
steaming at 20  
so much work going on plenty  
of work going on

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Lat 48°

These days strong winds  
from the S & E running  
under double reef topsails  
steaming at 20 we are  
gaining towards the  
line very fast I suppose  
if we was going to call  
we should have the  
wind ahead here we  
go go off S Lat 20°



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of May

These 24 hours strong  
breezes from the E & S  
E with all sail set  
standing N E by N  
saw the Brig sharing  
W & S W did not speak  
her suppose it was the  
thence man  
we have got Lat 20-30  
fairly into the Lat 20-30  
S & E tracks Long 30-35

Charles Chas May  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours fine wind  
from the E. S. E. with  
all set, there is sail  
in sight to the leeward  
we are going along very  
fast towards the line Lat 18-21



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

This day we have fine  
weather, winds from the  
steering N by E saw the  
Ship steering to the south  
and with all sail set going  
to the Gold region I expect  
we have the Charles yet so  
he we (Charles) Lat 16-00  
Long 30-12

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 1831

Here we go towards home  
steering N by E with  
all sail set I hope  
we shall all arrive safe  
at home This day we  
are employed scrubbing  
the ship with some paint  
ing inside of the hull  
Charles Clerk Lat 14-00  
Long 28-00





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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

These 24 hours fine  
winds from N E by E  
with all sail set here  
we go along with nice  
warm weather we have

This day. The Capt ordered  
all of the work asleep

Lat 12-12  
Wednesday 14 Long 29-40

here we have fine  
weather still with all  
sail set heading  
N E wind warm

The E S E employed  
in painting and  
tarring down the  
rigging. Lat 10-14

I expect to arrive in that  
lovely place in about 34  
Days from this which will  
be about as much as ever



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1831  
These 24 hours light  
winds from the E & E  
with all sail set here we  
go towards the Line and  
byed for painting  
Lat 08 22

Friday 16 May 1831  
This day fine winds  
from the E with all  
sail set and fine  
weather still. In the  
trails Lat 06 44

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
These 24 hours from  
winds from the E  
E & E with all sail  
set here we go sailing  
to. By E 22 Days from  
this day we will be in  
the harbor



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours fine  
breezes from the  
S. S. E. steering of  
with all sail set here  
we go for Fair Haven

Lat 02-20  
Long 27-00

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May

This day fine winds from  
the S. E. steering South  
with shudrasu set  
here we go Lat 00-10  
Long 28-00



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
These 24 hours light  
winds with rain  
the wind from the  
N E by N with 6  
sail set thank God  
that I am now more  
to the northward of the  
line heading N by  
Charles R. Lat 05-00  
Sturges Long 13-08 North  
once more  
to

Sunday 25,  
These five days we  
have had squalls of rain  
with the wind from the  
N E with all sail set  
we are nine weeks from  
Talcahuano, or 63 days  
to our quick passage we  
get along quickly with water  
and watch at Lat 05-40



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Latter part of these 24  
 hours fine winds from  
 the N.E. steering N.W.  
 with all sail set here we  
 go towards home once  
 more we have fine  
 weather all but at  
 times there is  
 rain  
 Lat 08-40  
 Long 34-00  
 West

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

This day strong Breezes  
 from the N.E. steering  
 N.W. with all sail set  
 we have some Squalls  
 of rain

Lat 20-20  
Long 36-42



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> These 24  
hours strong wind  
from the S. & star  
rings at 11.30  
on with top galvant  
sails for East part  
of these 24 hours the  
wind from the  
S. & S. steering the same  
with all sail set here we  
go. Lat 13 = 07  
at 12 May

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of May  
This day fine weather  
the wind on the Star  
board quarter here we  
go with favourable wind  
yet it being the last day  
of May.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
The wind the same  
at 12



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June

This day fine fair  
winds from the

E by E with stout  
sails up in bott  
ends steering at 4<sup>th</sup> clock  
Lat 19-09

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June

These 24 hours fine  
winds aft here we go  
towards home steering  
N W with all sail set  
Lat 20-09

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of June

This day fine winds  
from the S E here  
we go forwards our home  
Lat 22-09



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1851

This day fine winds  
from the E. S. E. with  
all sail set here we go  
quite fast with perfect  
weather

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1851

These 24 hours equally  
the weather with rain the  
wind is from the S  
by E steering N by E  
Lat 24-00

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

This day light winds  
from the S. W. had  
all sail set  
the weather is rainy  
gaining slowly towards home  
Lat 22-00  
North



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
This day we have  
had fine winds  
from the South  
with some rain  
showering at 7.45  
with shading sails  
on both sides we  
have had fair weather  
ever since we  
left the Golden  
Gates

Lat 26 11 10  
Long 87 50

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
The weather is fine  
at this time  
gaining the wind

Lat 29.48  
Long 81 15



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
off 17<sup>th</sup> June  
there is still good  
weather yet with  
the wind from the  
S. by W. clearing all  
W by N so ends Lat

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
For the last few days  
these we have had the wind  
from the North this  
is something uncommon  
for us to have had  
winds middle part  
backed ship heading  
off N W so ends Lat 34.0  
Long 62.0



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